# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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COUNTALAM FALLS
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether several lakh of tourists visit Countalam falls in Tenkasi (Tamil Nadu);

(b) if so, number of domestic/foreign tourists who have visited Countalam during each of the last three years; and

(c) the financial assistance provided/proposed to be provided to Government of Tamil Nadu to popularise Countalam?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The number of domestic and foreign tourist visits to Courtallam Falls during 2004, 2005 and 2006 are as under:-

| Year | Tourist Visits | |
|---|---|---|
| | Domestic | Foreign |
| 2004 | 475400 | 2480 |
| 2005 | 531247 | 2746 |
| 2006 | 639683 | 3145 |

(c): Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/Infrastructure Development of Circuits/Destinations and Assistance to Large revenue generating Projects.

Project proposals for prioritized circuits/ destinations, that are complete in all respect, are examined as per guidelines and approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head. So far, no financial assistance has been given to Government of Tamil Nadu to popularize Courtallam.